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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Takanori AOKI, Takami OHE, Haruki ISHIKAMI, Makoto  
SAITO, and Toshitaka HIRO  
PRODUCTION PROCESS AND USE FOR PROPARGYL ALCOHOL AND  
ITS INTERMEDIATE  
**Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.**  
Our Ref: Q79727

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/822,488 (Confirmation No.8587) filed April 2, 2001 of Takanori AOKI, Takami OHE, Haruki ISHIKAMI, Makoto SAITO, and Toshitaka HIRO entitled PRODUCTION PROCESS AND USE FOR PROPARGYL ALCOHOL AND ITS INTERMEDIATE, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/230,717 filed September 7, 2000, and Provisional Application No. 60/216,521 filed July 6, 2000.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract (55 pages), and a copy of the Declaration (5 pages) as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1621.

Priority and benefit are claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-98454	March 31, 2000
Japan	2000-167604	June 5, 2000
Japan	2001-77641	March 19, 2001
Japan	2001-77642	March 19, 2001
U.S. Provisional	60/216,521	July 6, 2000
U.S. Provisional	60/230,717	September 7, 2000



The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/822,488.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>29</u> - 20	= <u>9</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$162.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	= <u>          </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee						<u>\$770.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee						<u>\$290.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>						<b><u>\$1222.00</u></b>

A check for the statutory fee of \$1222.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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